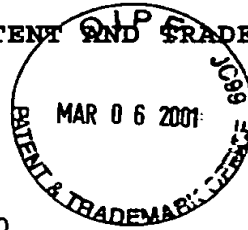


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 1 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof.

Please add new claims 9-15 as follows:

-- 9. A computer operation management system which includes a managing computer and a plurality of computers to be managed, each of said plurality of computers to be managed comprising:

an integrated managing agent portion;

a unit which receives operation defining information from said managing computer;

a unit which causes execution of an operation processing including at least one of job execution control,

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